

# SWARCer NEWS

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## ATTENDANCE

No attendance was taken.

## General Meeting

South Wake Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order  
at 7:02 p.m. by KAOGMY.

***The outgoing president  
introduced the president  
and vice president to the  
group; he transitioned  
the meeting to Jason  
(KM4PFV).***

### President's Business

- It is membership renewal time. See Christy (KJ4AEO) or Ryan (NC4RA) with \$30 per licensed member + \$5 for each additional family member.
- Jason attended the American Legion Post 116 Board of Directors meeting.

- Improved communications between SWARC and the legion are on an ongoing priority.
- The radio room has been stated to be a shared resource; the legion has its own call sign; both organizations have a responsibility to maintain it after construction has begun.
- Kenn (KK4OSI) will serve as a liaison between SWARC and the legion. Kenn is currently a member of the legion but not the SWARC member.
- The club's constitution needs to be reviewed as stated in previous meetings. The following operators volunteered to serve on the committee: Nancy (KM4KUT), Jason (KM4PFV), John Paul (AB4PP), and Nick (KM4DMO). The first meeting of the committee will be after the August general business meeting.
- SWARC has a new Facebook business page managed by Jason; in addition, the club maintains the SWARC Facebook group and the club website ([www.southwakearc.org](http://www.southwakearc.org)).
- Send Glenn (N4AZR) any information that needs to be posted on the club's website and cc Jason on any request to keep informational lines flowing.



## Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.



## Club News and World (LOCAL) Events

Hi everyone as the editor of the club newsletter I want everyone to know what to expect. I am hoping to have the newsletter out the first weekend after the club meeting. So if you have information you want included then I will need it that weekend. If you take part in a special event the write it up and submit it along with some pictures.

We will be happy to include your articles. If you would like to write about something going on in the club (good or bad) we will be happy to include your article. Please remember this is your newsletter and your contributions are appreciated.

Send articles to

[Ka0gmy@bellsouth.net](mailto:Ka0gmy@bellsouth.net)

- Tyler Sosnin volunteered to be the club chef. Tyler is in the process of attaining his Technician class license.
- The Board of Directors will meet Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the proposed radio room.

### General Ham and FCC information by Mr. Danny Hampton (K4ITL)

- Danny wishes to thank our club for the support of the PCRN.
- The FCC has forced TV stations (namely those on the WRAL tower) to go digital; major expenses involved with this conversion; work to begin in August or September.
- Existing transmitters cannot be used; some channels will be auctioned to public safety or Spectrum.
- There are six television stations on the tower; all must put up new antennas and transmitters along with much additional hardware.
- No one knows what will break loose on the tower as this conversion occurs; could be noise and intermod.
- SWARC's back up repeater—Broadway (147.105)—is on the big tower near Lillington; Capitol Broadcasting doesn't own it any longer;

it is the Channel 40 tower near Broadway.

- When someone is up on the tower repairing of the strobe lights, there is opportunity for repeater repair; the strobe light repair person will be in touch with K4ITL.

### Program

- The DXpedition of Krishna "Krish" Kanakasapathi (W4VKU) was presented to the club.
- VU7A6—The Lakshadweep Islands

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Butterfield (KM4KUT)

## Membership

Ryan, NC4RA wants to remind everyone that dues are due. We ended last year with 124 members and we currently have 46 that have renewed.



Club News  
and World  
(local) Events

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **President**

Jason Upchurch – KM4PFV

#### **Vice President**

Brian Knox – KK4BK

#### **Secretary**

Nancy Butterfield – KM4KUT

#### **Treasurer**

Christy Fernandini - KJ4AEO

#### **Member-At-Large**

Steve Mowels – KA0GMY

#### **Member-At-Large**

Jim Young – K9RII

#### **Member-At-Large**

John Cook – N4RMV

#### **Membership Chair**

Ryan Avery , NC4RA

### **APPOINTED POSITIONS**

#### **Net Manager**

Nick Principe – W4NAP

#### **Special Events Director**

Gino Fernandini - KI4YXO

#### **Public Service Director**

## **NET REPORT**

Hello and Happy Independence  
Day to all!

Thanks to everyone who has  
already sent in their June net  
reports. I am currently missing the  
following dates:

- Friday, June 2nd
- Friday, June 9
- Thursday, June 15
- Friday, June 16
- Friday, June 23
- Friday, June 30

I can't find the 6/15 net report in  
my email. It is possible I missed it. I  
will revise the net report if I receive  
missing net reports.

Thanks!  
Nick KM4DMO

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JUNE 2017

Net sessions: 24  
Members participating: 43  
Visitors participating: 93  
Total checkins ("QNI") 632

Net control operators listing:

|        |   |   |
|--------|---|---|
| KJ4CVK | M | 5 |
| K9RII  | M | 5 |
| KT4JR  | M | 4 |
| KM4KUT | M | 4 |
| AJ4NX  | M | 4 |
| KM4JYR | M | 2 |

Top QNI listing:  
24 KT4JR  
24 KK4BVU (Guest)

23 KK4QDZ  
21 K9RII  
21 WA3JJG (Guest)  
20 KN4OO (Guest)

19 KE4VNX  
18 KM4TLE  
18 KI4WAI (Guest)  
18 AC1Y  
15 KI4RAN (Guest)  
15 NC4MP  
14 KA0GMY  
13 KM4QVG  
12 KJ4CVK  
12 KD4MC  
12 N4MQU  
12 W2NPR  
11 N4RMV  
11 KM4PFV  
10 WB4UFO

South Wake Amateur  
Radio Club Treasurer  
Report

June 2017

Club addition and  
reduction activity

Additions

Dues                    \$30.00

Dues                    30.00

Dues                    30.00

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Dues                    35.00

Dues                    30.00

Dues                    60.00

Dues                    30.00

Dues                    30.00

Dues                    37.50

Dues                    30.00

Dues                    35.00

Meal                    125.00

Raffle Tickets 1135.00

50/50                    25.00

TOTAL ADDITIONS

\$1907.50

Reductions

Meal expense \$160.00

Field Day Food 300.00

TOTALREDUCTIONS

460.00

RBC Bank Account  
Activity

Balance as of  
06/05/2017    2753.20

Additions            1907.50

Reductions           460.00

Balance as of  
07/10/2017 \$4200.70

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be  
August 7, 2017. It will be  
held at American Legion  
Post #116. Dinner will  
start at 6 pm.

Thank You

South Wake Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting | Elections

Monday, June 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order  
at 7:05 p.m. by KA0GMY.

### **President's Report and Friendly Reminders (KA0GMY)**

#### *General Announcements*

- The *Ham Radio Outlet* gift certificates for the Field Day raffle have been procured. The call sign of Mike Ramsey (KD4OKR) appears on the gift certificates as *HRO* required it. The gift certificate amounts are \$300, \$200, and \$150. This was required by HRO; once the tickets are dispersed, a call to the Woodbridge manager is all that is needed to "cash" them in; Gino has the info.
- The **Net Whip** position is an appointed position that has been vacated. Ms. Julie (KT4JR) has done a fine job as our **Net Whip**. Bradley (KM4JYR) was a suggested nomination for Net Whip; he expressed that although he was indeed interested in doing this in the future, it would not be a position he could fill at this time. Nick Principe

(KM4DMO) stepped up to the Net Whip position for the 2017-2018 year.

- The **Public Service Director** position is an appointed position that is currently vacant. There are two members interested in the position; Jason (KM4PFV) will follow up with them.
- The **Special Events Director** is Gino Ferdandini (KJ4YXO).
- David (N4TTN) gave an update on Field Day planning and ticket sales.
  - Field Day for the South Wake Amateur Radio Club will be held at American Legion Post 116, 6400 Johnson Pond Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC.
  - Approximately 225 tickets have been sold; there are plenty left. Tickets will be on sale at Field Day with the drawing to be held at dinner.
  - Any stations wishing to operate a station at Field Day should contact David. He also needs to know if you will be bringing a trailer or camper. We are in need of more operators.
- Charles (W4DBI) will be operating the GOTA station.
- Hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled for dinner. Please see the South Wake Amateur Radio Club website ([southwakearc.org](http://southwakearc.org)) to sign up to bring a side dish.
- A motion was made for the club to give \$300 to David (N4TTN) to purchase good quality hamburgers for Field Day (along with condiments). The motion was seconded. The motion was approved.
- Cash donations to the Field Day fund are gladly accepted.
- Afternoon of Friday, June 23: set up for Field Day begins at the legion; contact David (N4TTN) if you would like to help
- **Friendly Reminder:** proper repeater etiquette includes, but is not limited to, allowing the repeater to drop once a station releases the microphone, thereby providing space between transmissions. In addition, it includes

(per Danny Hampton's request as repeater owner) refraining from transmissions regarding religion or politics. To be noted: proper repeater etiquette also involves refraining from making transmissions of a derogatory nature regarding race, gender, or the sexual orientation of individuals.

- The FCC has been notified of the recent malicious interference occurring on the 145.210 frequency.

#### **Secretary's Report** **(KM4KUT)**

Nancy was not in attendance for the May meeting; there were no meeting minutes to approve. Nancy thanked WB4UFO, AA4GB, K4MWG, KM4QVG, and K9RII for visiting The New School Montessori Center last week to install antennas and organize the student's ham shack there. Great fun was had by all. She also wishes to thank the "Dream Team" of VEs who came to the school to test 9 students on May 30. The VEs included KD4MC, KM4ARS, W4DBI, KE4VNX, and K4VJC. Though no one passed, the students will not give up. The club will continue to prepare for the exam when school

resumes in the fall. Members of the school club were invited to Field Day; we hope to see a few of them there on the GOTA station!

#### **Treasurer's Report** **(KJ4AEO)**

There is already a \$400 profit on the Field Day raffle ticket sales. Current balance: \$2753.20 Based on membership totals, ~\$1300 will be going to Danny Hampton (K4ITL) for repeater upkeep.

#### **Membership Director's Report (NC4RA)**

Steve (KA0GMY) presented on behalf of Ryan; current membership stands at ~126 members.

#### **Public Service Director's Report (KW4EMG)**

KW4EMG was not in attendance; there was no public service report provided.

Steve introduced the 2017 Board of Directors nominees:

President  
Jason Upchurch | KM4PFV

Vice President  
Brian Knox | KK4BK

Secretary  
Nancy Butterfield | KM4KUT

Treasurer  
Christy Fernandini | KJ4AEO

Club Chef  
**vacant** (appointed position)

Public Service Director  
**vacant** (appointed position)

Net Whip  
Nick Principe | KM4DMO

Membership Director  
Ryan Avery | NC4RA

Members at Large  
John Cook | N4RMV

Jim Young | K9RII

Steve Mowels | KA0GMY\*  
(outgoing President)

A motion was made to close all nominations.

A motion was made to elect KM4PFV as President. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made to elect KK4BK as Vice President. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made to elect KM4KUT as Secretary. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made to elect KJ4AEO as Treasurer. Motion seconded. Motion passed.



A motion was made to elect NC4RA as Membership Director. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made to elect N4RMV as a Member-at-Large. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made to elect K9RII as a Member-at-Large. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. after gracious closing remarks and words of thanks by the outgoing President Steve Mowels (KA0GMY). We would like to thank KA0GMY and NW3U for their outstanding service to the South Wake Amateur Radio club over the last two years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Butterfield (KM4KUT)

*20m 91 100*

*15m 55 100*

*10m 3 100*

*6m 2 100*

*2m*

*1.25*

*OTHER*

*Satellite*

*GOTA 88 100*

*Total 453*

*The Club wishes to thank David and everyone that helped him with Field Day.*

## **Field Day 2017 Results**

*453 Total Contacts*

*906 QSO Points*

*930 Bonus Points*

*Band QSOs Pwr(W)*

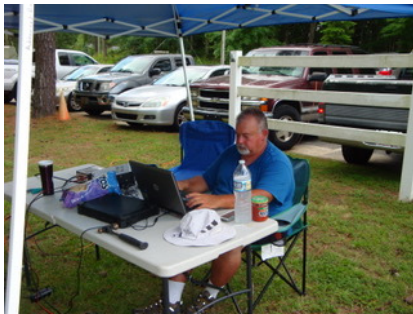
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## **PICTURES**







*Further information  
may be obtained from  
Jason KM4PFV.*



*Thanks to Bernie  
KM4QVG for the  
pictures.*

### **Important Club Needs**



*The clubs needs a  
Public Service  
Director: you would  
be responsible for  
keeping the club  
informed as to  
upcoming events that  
would need  
assistance. There  
would be one or two  
local events that yo  
would be in charge of.  
Information as to  
upcoming events can  
be obtained from the  
RARS web page.*

